

Amendments To The Claims

1. (canceled).

2. (currently amended) An infant formula ~~as in claim 1~~ comprising oligofructose, sialyllactose and probiotic bacteria wherein the probiotic bacteria comprise *Lactobacillus acidophilus* and *Bifidobacterium lactis*.

3. (previously amended) An infant formula as in claim 2, wherein said formula is a liquid comprising about 0.1 g/L to 10 g/L of oligofructose; about 6 mg/L to 10 g/L sialyllactose; about 10^6 to 10^{14} cfu/L of *L. acidophilus* and about 10^6 to 10^{14} cfu/L of *B. lactis*.

4. (canceled)

5. (previously presented) An infant formula as in claim 3, comprising about 0.3 g/L to 6 g/L of oligofructose; about 60 mg/L to 1 g/L sialyllactose; about 10^8 to 10^{12} cfu/L of *L. acidophilus* and about 10^8 to 10^{12} cfu/L of *B. lactis*.

6. (currently amended) An infant formula as in claim 3, comprising about 3 g/L oligofructose, about 100 mg/L sialyllactose, about 3×10^{10} ~~cfu~~ cfu/L *L. acidophilus*, and about 3×10^{10} ~~cfu~~ cfu/L *B. lactis*.

7. (presently amended) An infant formula as in claim 2, in the form of a dry powder or a liquid concentrate, ~~which may be combined with water to form a liquid infant formula comprising about 0.1 g/L to 10 g/L of oligofructose; about 6 mg/L to 10 g/L sialyllactose; about 10^6 to 10^{14} cfu/L of *L. acidophilus* and about 10^6 to 10^{14} cfu/L of *B. lactis*.~~

8. (presently amended) An infant formula as in claim 7 in the form of a dry powder, which may be is suitable to be combined with water to form a liquid formulation in a ratio of approximately 127 grams of dry powder per liter of liquid formulation, wherein said liquid formulation comprises ~~to form a liquid infant formula comprising~~ about 0.3-0.1 g/L to 6-10 g/L of oligofructose; about 60-6 mg/L to 4-10 g/L sialyllactose; about 40^8 10^6 to 40^{12} 10^{14} cfu/L of *L. acidophilus* and about 40^8 10^6 to 40^{12} 10^{14} cfu/L of *B. lactis*.

9. (presently amended) An infant formula as in claim 78, ~~which may be combined with water to form a liquid infant formula comprising~~ wherein said liquid formulation comprises about 0.3 g/L to 6 g/L of oligofructose; about 60 mg/L to 1 g/L sialyllactose; about 10^8 to 10^{12} cfu/L of *L. acidophilus* and about 10^8 to 10^{12} cfu/L of *B. lactis*.

10.(new) An infant formula as in claim 8, wherein said liquid formulation comprises about 3 g/L oligofructose, about 100 mg/L sialyllactose, about 3×10^{10} cfu/L *L. acidophilus*, and about 3×10^{10} cfu/L *B. lactis*.